

# TRAFFIC ADVISORY



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## SOUTH FLORIDA AND TREASURE COAST WEEKLY LANE CLOSURES AND WORK ZONE ADVISORY

FORT LAUDERDALE — <u>Florida's Turnpike</u> announces updated lane closures and work zones due to construction and maintenance projects in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties, for the week beginning Sunday, Dec. 20.

Regularly scheduled construction and maintenance-related lane closures and restrictions on Florida's Turnpike-operated roads are suspended for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays from 6 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18, to 10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4.

Motorists should expect heavy congestion at the mainline toll plazas on the busiest travel days, and be prepared for sudden, intermittent stops, especially near the Leesburg (Milepost 288), Three Lakes (Milepost 236) and Lake Worth/Lantana (Milepost 88) mainline toll plazas. Traffic volumes may increase between 50-75 percent at these three toll plazas on the peak travel days. Motorists should also be alert for congestion and possible backups at the Turnpike's interchange with both north- and southbound I-75 in Sumter County.

Limited parking and delays can be expected at the Fort Pierce (Milepost 144) and Fort Drum (Milepost 184) service plazas, and FHP troopers will be on hand to help guide traffic.

## **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

TURNPIKE WIDENING, SOUND WALLS AND EXPRESS LANES - SW 216th ST. TO EUREKA DR. (EXITS 11-13)

• No lane closures.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Turnpike will be widened from four lanes to six, eight and 10 lanes. Express lanes, similar to those on I-95, will be constructed. Sound barrier walls will be built along residential areas on the east side of the Turnpike. Work also includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, bridge widening, drainage, lighting, signage and traffic signal improvements on local roads. Construction began in August 2013 and is scheduled for completion in late 2016. Approximate cost: \$41.6 million.

TURNPIKE WIDENING, SOUND WALLS AND EXPRESS LANES – EUREKA DRIVE TO KILLIAN PARKWAY

No lane closures.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Turnpike will be widened to eight and 12 lanes, and express lanes, similar to those on I-95, will be added. The Turnpike/S.R. 874 interchange will be realigned. Sound barrier walls will be built along residential areas. Work also includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, bridge widening, drainage, lighting, landscaping, signage and traffic signal improvements on local roads. Construction began in March 2014 and is scheduled for completion in early 2017. Approximate cost: \$145.9 million.

## TURNPIKE WIDENING, SOUND WALLS AND EXPRESS LANES - KILLIAN PARKWAY TO SUNSET DRIVE

No lane closures.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Turnpike will be widened from six to 10 lanes, including express lanes similar to those on I-95. Sound barrier walls will be built along residential areas. The Turnpike on-ramps at Kendall Drive will be reconfigured. Work also includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, bridge widening, drainage, lighting, signage and traffic signal improvements on local roads. Construction began in May 2015 and will continue through early 2018. Approximate cost: \$73.9 million.

### TURNPIKE WIDENING, SOUND WALLS AND EXPRESS LANES – SUNSET DRIVE TO BIRD ROAD

• No lane closures.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Turnpike will be widened from six to 10 lanes, including express lanes similar to those on I-95. Sound barrier walls will be built along residential areas. The project entails major improvements at the Bird Road interchange. Work also includes asphalt milling and resurfacing, bridge widening, drainage, lighting, signage and traffic signal improvements. Construction began in July 2015 and will continue through early 2018. Approximate cost: \$54.4 million.

### I-95 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION - GOLDEN GLADES

- Southbound I-95 ramp to Florida's Turnpike and westbound S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway Will be closed
  and a detour will be in place Monday, Dec. 21, through Wednesday, Dec. 23, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5:30
  a.m.
  - DETOUR: Traffic can exit at NE 183rd Street/Miami Gardens Drive and turn west; turn south onto S.R.
     7/U.S. 441/NW 2 Ave; turn west onto NW 7 Avenue Extension for the on ramp to Florida's Turnpike or continue on NW 7 Avenue Extension, which becomes westbound S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway.
- Eastbound S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway and Florida's Turnpike exit to southbound I-95 Will be closed and a detour will be in place Monday, Dec. 21, through Wednesday, Dec. 23, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.
  - DETOUR: Eastbound S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway and Florida's Turnpike commuters headed to southbound I-95 can exit at S.R. 7/U.S. 441/NW 7 Avenue; turn south onto NW 7 Avenue; continue south and turn east onto NW 151 Street for southbound I-95.
- Northbound I-95 ramp to Florida's Turnpike and westbound S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway Will be closed and a detour will be in Monday, Dec. 21, through Wednesday, Dec. 23, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.

DETOUR: Northbound I-95 commuters headed to westbound S.R. 826/ Palmetto Expressway and Florida's Turnpike can exit at S.R. 7/U.S. 441/NW 2 Avenue; continue north on S.R. 7; turn west onto NW 7 Avenue Extension for the entrance ramp to Florida's Turnpike or stay on NW 7 Avenue Extension, which becomes westbound S.R. 826/Palmetto Expressway.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 6 Office is conducting a pavement rehabilitation project on I-95. For project information contact Sergies Duarte at <a href="mailto:Sergies.Duarte@dot.state.fl.us">Sergies.Duarte@dot.state.fl.us</a>.

## **BROWARD COUNTY**

## TURNPIKE ALL-ELECTRONIC TOLLING CONVERSION - HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD & GRIFFIN ROAD

Southbound Turnpike exit to Griffin Road – The ramp has been reduced to one lane near the tolling gantry. The
lane reduction is anticipated to continue through the end of January 2016. Motorists may experience delays during
peak travel times.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** All-electronic tolling gantries will be constructed to replace the ramp toll plazas at the Turnpike's Hollywood/Pines Boulevard and Griffin Road interchanges. All-electronic tolling was implemented on Aug. 29, 2015. One existing toll lane will be converted to a SunPass-only lane at the Northwest 199th Street/Dolphin Center toll plaza in Miami-Dade. The project also includes asphalt milling and resurfacing at the Northwest 199th Street/Dolphin Center and County Line Road interchange ramps. Approximate cost: \$10.6 million.

#### TURNPIKE & SUNRISE BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE MODIFICATIONS

- On Sunrise Boulevard
  - One lane eastbound and westbound may be closed daily between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. from Sunday, Dec. 20, through Wednesday, Dec. 23.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Florida's Turnpike is modifying and improving the interchange with Sunrise Boulevard, and implementing All-Electronic Tolling at the interchange. It is anticipated that the project will cost \$50 million and work will continue through late 2019.

#### 75-EXPRESS CONSTRUCTION

No lane closures.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Florida Department of Transportation is implementing express lanes along 28 miles of the I-75 and State Road (SR) 826 (Palmetto Expressway) corridors, from just south of the SR 836 (Dolphin Expressway), in Miami-Dade County, to I-595 in Broward County. Visit the <u>75-Express website</u> for project information or contact Fiorella Alvarez at fiorella@iscprgroup.com.

## ST. LUCIE COUNTY

## PORT ST. LUCIE/FORT PIERCE SERVICE PLAZA RECONSTRUCTION - (MILEPOST 144)

• The Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce Service Plaza (mile marker 144) on Florida's Turnpike is under reconstruction. A new convenience store with limited food service is now open, along with a new fuel station. Construction is currently underway on a new restaurant building.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**: The \$21 million project to renovate and reconstruct the Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce Service Plaza includes a 40,000-square-foot restaurant building; 3,500-square-foot convenience store and fueling pumps; and expanded truck parking.

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